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SUBJECT: LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO

1. COMMENT ON LIFTING OF EMBARGO APPEARED IN
SEMI-OFFICIAL BAGHDAD OBSERVER MARCH 21. EXCEXPTS FOLLOW:

2. EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA SPONSORED CALL FOR LIFTING EMBARGO
UNDER PRETEXT THAT U.S. HAS CHANGED HER POLICIES TOWARD ARAB
QUESTION. HOWEVER, THEY TOTALLY FAILED TO PROVIDE ANY EVIDENCE
THAT U.S. ACTUALLY CHANGED POLICY. ON CONTRARY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE
OCTOBER WAR HAVE SUBSTANTIATED OPINION THAT U.S. IS
SPEARHEADING SCHEMES TO ESTABLISH Footholds FOR HER AND ZIONIST
ALLIES IN ARAB AREA.

3. EMBARGO HAD BEEN CONDITIONED ON FULL WITHDRAWAL AND SAUDI ARABIA
HAD GONE SO FAR AS TO INSIST THAT JERUSALEM SHOULD BE TOTALLY
LIBERATED. HOWEVER, SAUDI ARABIA MADE DRAMATIC RETREAT IN LINE
WITH HER LINKS TO U.S. POLICY.

4. HENCE EMBARGO AND OIL WAR IS OVER. MEANWHILE REAL OIL
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WAR LAUNCHED BY IRAQ THROUGH NATIONALIZATION OF US, DUTCH AND

PORTUGUESE INTERESTS IS TILL AFLAME IN THE MINDS OF MILLION
ARAB CITIZENS WHO HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO RENDERING OIL AN
EFFECTIVE WEAPON IN EFFORTS TO RESTORE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. END
EXCERPTS.

5. COMMUNIST TARIQ ASH-SHAAB MARCH 24 COMMENTED ALONG SAME LINES
SAYING THAT "REACTIONARY PRESSURE SUCCEEDED IN
LIFTING EMBARGO BUT IT CANNOT ACHIEVE ARAB AIMS NOR BE
CONSIDERED TACTIC AGAINST U.S. U.S. STILL SUPPORTS ISRAEL
AND DECISION WILL ENCOURAGE IT TO ADOPT ISRAELI POSITION OF
REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH WITHDRAWAL... IT IS EVIDENT THAT
DECISION IS NEW REACTIONARY ATTEMPT AGAINST USING OIL
AS A WEAPON... IT WAS PUSHED BY EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA AND
IS DECISION WHICH GREATLY SERVES REACTIONARY STRATEGY
IN ARAB WORLD."
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